



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
July 15, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 15, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WILSON
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR FORESTER

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9,(d)(4) potential litigation in an undisclosed matter.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to discuss labor negotiations with the Signal Hill Police Officers Association.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:03 P.M.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to recess to closed session.

Vice Mayor Forester entered closed session at 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Status reports were given and no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

There was no public business from the floor.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. City Council presented outgoing Signal Hill City Treasurer Emerson Fersch with the following certificates: Vice Mayor Forester presented a certificate from Senator Ricardo Lara. Council Member Hansen presented a certificate from Congressman Alan Lowenthal. Council Member Noll presented a certificate from Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. Council Member Woods presented a certificate from Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal. Mayor Wilson presented Mr. Fersch with a proclamation from the City of Signal Hill in recognition of his service as City Treasurer from 2003 to 2014.

City Council thanked Emerson and his family for his service to the City.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Neena Strichart, Signal Hill resident and business owner thanked Emerson for his service and friendship.

- b. Mayor Wilson announced the scheduled presentation from United Cambodian Community will be postponed to a future City Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. Second Amendment to Animal Care Services Agreement No. 31714 with the City of Long Beach

City Manager introduced Community Services Director and Ted Stevens, Manager of Long Beach Animal Services who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about licensing cats, the number of additional cities contracting with Long Beach Animal Services, the new mobile app, alternative fuel vehicles, hours of service, and coyotes.

Mr. Stevens addressed the questions posed by City Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement between the Cities of Signal Hill and Long Beach, in an amount not to exceed \$71,289 for fiscal year 2014-2015, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Solid Waste Collection Service Rate Adjustments

City Manager introduced Public Works Management Analyst who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about the language and provisions of Proposition 218, the public hearing, rate increase criteria, recycle bins, rate schedule, and maximum increases.

Public Works Management Analyst and City Attorney addressed questions posed by City Council.

Efrain Ramirez, Vice President of EDCO addressed questions regarding recycle bins and refuse rates.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Interview of City Clerk and City Treasurer Applicants

City Manager presented the staff report.

City Council discussed the date of July 29, 2014 to conduct interviews for City Clerk and City Treasurer.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to conduct interviews for City Clerk and City Treasurer on July 29, 2014, and make appointments to both positions on July 29.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Consideration of Smoking Bans at Multi-Residential Properties

City Manager introduced Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

City Council asked about landlords and/or property owners regulating smoking at multi-residential properties following presented guidelines, balconies, designating smoking areas, and the issue of enforcing regulations.

Community Development Associate Planner and Community Development Director addressed questions posed by Council.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

There was no public comment.

City Council commented on smoking bans at multi-residential properties and thanked staff for the report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS to receive and file with a request to staff to revisit the issue if the need arises and send the research and information regarding smoking bans at multi-residential properties compiled by staff to Signal Hill Homeowners Associations and multi-residential property owners.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

e. Consideration of Regulatory Options for Electronic Cigarettes

City Manager introduced Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Community Development Director commented on the zoning code pertaining to electronic cigarettes.

Mayor Wilson clarified the sales of electronic cigarettes to minors with the Community Development Director and Community Development Associate Planner.

Council Member Noll requested adding literature to HOAs and multi-residential property owners regarding electronic cigarettes and vaping.

City Attorney commented on the request to send out literature.

Mayor Wilson and Community Development Director commented on electronic cigarettes on airplanes.

Mayor Wilson invited anyone wishing to speak on this item to please come forward.

Neena Strichart, Signal Hill resident commented on electronic cigarettes and vaping.

Council Member Noll and Mayor Wilson commented on vaping.

City Manager commented on electronic cigarettes or vaping in the workplace and changing city policy for employees.

Council Member Woods asked the City Attorney about the issue in other cities.

City Attorney and Community Development Associate Planner addressed the question posed by Council Member Woods.

City Council discussed electronic cigarettes and vaping.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to direct staff to draft a code amendment treating electronic cigarettes and vaping the same as tobacco products.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Resolution Certifying the Results of the Special Election held June 3, 2014

Summary: The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has certified the results of the June 3, 2014, Special Municipal Election. The City Council will adopt a resolution reciting this fact.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2014-07-6090 reciting the fact of the Special Municipal Election held on June 3, 2014, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law.

b. Approval of Use of City Media for Rock for Vets Event

Summary: The Parks and Recreation Commission granted a fee waiver request from The Rock Club-Rock for Vets, a Long Beach nonprofit organization, for use of the amphitheatre and open space at Signal Hill Park for a free benefit concert on Saturday, September 20. The organization is seeking approval to advertise the event via City media resources.

Recommendation: Authorize The Rock Club-Rock for Vets to utilize City media resources to advertise their free benefit concert subject to the conditions outlined herein.

c. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the Successor Agency of the former Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendations: Receive and file.

d. Warrant Register Dated July 15, 2014

Summary: The Warrant Register is a listing of all general checks issued since the prior warrant register and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation: Authorize payment of Warrant Register dated July 15, 2014.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of July 1, 2014.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Noll requested pulling item (e) from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve items (a) through (d) on the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar item (e).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Noll invited the Community Services Director to come forward and report on the Community Garden.

Community Services Director provided an update on the Community Garden.

Council Member Noll invited the Public Works Director to come forward and report on the Caltrans roadwork on the bridge on Temple Avenue.

Public Works Director provided an update regarding the Caltrans work on Temple Avenue.

Council Member Woods invited Chief Langston to come forward and report on the recent Signal Hill Police Department Biennial Report.

Chief Langston provided information regarding the biennial report and announced the report can be viewed on the city website at www.cityofsignalhill.org.

Council Member Noll announced the biennial report is also available at the Signal Hill Library.

Vice Mayor Forester congratulated newly elected Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and newly elected Long Beach city officials.

Vice Mayor Forester requested the projector in the council chamber be checked.

Council Member Noll complimented the Community Services Department on a successful Concert in the Park last week and reminded everyone the next concert is Wednesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Signal Hill Park.

Mayor Wilson reported on his trip to Sacramento on June 30, 2014, where he attended a legislative briefing.

Mayor Wilson announced the California Highway Patrol is currently recruiting. Please visit their website at www.chpcareers.com for additional information.

Mayor Wilson announced Congresswoman Grace Napolitano is hosting a Veterans Forum on Saturday, July 26, 2014. For additional information please call (626) 350-0150.

Mayor Wilson requested staff submit announcement information two meetings prior to an event or one month.

Mayor Wilson announced the Signal Hill Car Show at Signal Hill Park on Sunday, August 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 869-4202.

Mayor Wilson announced National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th at Signal Hill Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 989-7205.

Mayor Wilson announced Movies in the Park- *Free Birds* is on Monday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7330.

Mayor Wilson announced the Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Friday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Signal Hill Library. For additional information, please call (562) 989-7330.

Council Member Woods reminded everyone Concerts in the Park on Wednesday, July 23 is to celebrate the City's 90th Anniversary. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. For additional information please call (562) 989-7330.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to adjourn tonight's meeting to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Edward H.J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Burleson
City Clerk